

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 10, 2018
Preston Town Hall
6:30 pm**

BOS Present: Robert Congdon, Michael Sinko, Lynwood Crary

BOS Excused: None

Call to Order

1st Selectman Congdon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2018 Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to approve the April 26, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries

New Business

1. Budget 2018-2019

- BoF voted to forward the BoE and the General Government Budget on the 17th and a Town Meeting on May 31st and a Referendum on June 12th.
- State of CT passed their budget May 9th
 - Preston has been budgeting 2 million for ECs and the budget that got passed Is almost \$400,000 more.
 - Preston budgeted \$655 for PILOT and now will be getting \$7,233.
 - Still short \$100,000 in Town Aid Road.

2. Housing Authority

1st Selectman Congdon stated that Preston Housing Authority has requested their payment in lieu of taxes to the Town be waived.

After discussion Selectman tabled the Housing Authority's request and indicated they will ask to see their audited financial report and fund balance.

3. Blight Ordinance

1st Selectman Congdon stated that he will schedule a meeting with the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

1st Selectman Congdon stated that a Blight Form has been made and needs approval.

Old Business

1. Housing Authority

1st Selectman Congdon stated that the Housing Authority has asked that Lincoln Park Road have a gate put on the closed road for emergency access and will do research on it.

2. Bonding

1st Selectman Congdon stated that the town is going to the Bond Market next week on the Capital Projects.

3. Public works – Loader

- Two quotes were received and L. Cray compared and discussed the two loaders. Selectmen tabled the decision until the next meeting.

Reports

None

Appointments and/or Resignations

None

Tax Refunds

None

Correspondence

1. Letter dated May 1, 2018 from Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments re: Regional Planning Commission.
2. Letter dated April 25, 2018 from Preston Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission re: Approval of IW Application #2018-01, Robert Congdon on behalf of the Town of Preston, Applicant/Owner for property located at 19 Route 12 for gravel excavation deposit of fill.
3. Letter dated April 18, 2018 from state of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management re: Preston's 2016 Equalized Net Grand List (ENGL).
4. Letter dated April 20, 2018 from Eversource re: 2018 CT Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) Exercise.
5. Letter dated April 24, 2018 from Jean Pillo, TRBP Coordinator Thames River Basin Partnership re: free workshops/meetings;
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 from 10 - 11 AM at the Norwich USDA Nat`rd Resources Conservation Service Conference Room, located at 238 West Town Street, Norwich, CT;
Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 10 -11 AM at Knowlton Memorial Hall, located at 25 Pompey Hollow Rd; Ashford, CT;
Monday, May 7, 2018 from 7 - 8 PM at the Connecticut Audubon Society Grassland Bird Conservation Center, located at 21 8 Day Road, in Pomfret, CT
Invitation to the 2018 Annual Meeting of The Last Green Valley, Inc. on June 7, 2018

Public Comment

Andy Depta, Preston resident asked if Preston will see any benefit from the billion dollar additional income State has received.

1st Selectman Congdon answered it is not on the bonding agenda right now and no effort to go back and make changes to the current year budget.

Andy Depta noted there are downed trees and trash on the side of the roads in Town.

Mike Clancy, Preston resident asked when the gas station on Route 2 would be opening.

1st Selectman Congdon answered he has no idea
Andy Bilodeau, Preston resident asked what is the status of working with Ledyard and/or
Norwich on Police.

1st Selectman Congdon answered preliminary discussions with Ledyard have taken place.
M. Clancy noted that there have been discussions for 2 years now.

Andy Bilodeau asked about Senior Affairs building repairs.

1st Selectman Congdon answered they are getting estimates on repairs for the dry rot.

A. Depta, asked how many people are supported by the Senior Center, because how do you
know based upon their budget.

Adjournment

**A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to adjourn the meeting at 7:41
pm.**

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder